STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PINE TREE TELEPHONE COMPANY
Request for Approval of Reorganization and
For Exemption from Approval for
Certain Future Reorganizations and
Motion for a Protective Order

Docket No. 99-381

December 30, 1999

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

This Supplemental Order approves the Revised Stipulation submitted by the parties in response to the Commission Order of December 23, 1999, in the above-captioned Docket. That Order approved the reorganization of Pine Tree Telephone & Telegraph Company and granted an exemption from approval requirements for certain future reorganizations, provided that the parties filed a Revised Stipulation that addressed several specific areas of concern identified by the Commission. The parties filed the Revised Stipulation on December 23, 1999 and submitted copies of all needed signature pages by December 30, 1999. Two parties to this Docket, the Telephone Association of Maine (TAM) and Bell Atlantic-Maine (B/A-ME) have not formally indicated their positions on the Revised Stipulations. Both TAM and B/A-ME had previously indicated that neither of them opposed the original Stipulation filed by the parties on December 8, 1999, and the changes in the Revised Stipulation address only issues that do not relate directly to either TAM or B/A-ME.

The Order issued by the Commission on December 23, 1999, in this Docket delegated to the Director of Finance the authority to review any Revised Stipulation and to issue a Supplemental Order approving the Revised Stipulation if he found that it conformed to the language contained in Appendix A of the Order. The Appendix contained language that we found would address the specific areas of concern identified by the Commission, especially language related to future restructurings and reorganizations.

I have examined the Revised Stipulation submitted on December 23, 1999, and find that it conforms to the requirements of the Commission Order of December 23, 1999. Therefore, the Revised Stipulation is approved and incorporated as part of the Commission Order.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 30th day of December, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Richard Kania
Acting Director of Finance

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5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

- 1. <u>Reconsideration</u> of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
- 2. <u>Appeal of a final decision</u> of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
- 3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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